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Venkataratnam, Mr. B.
Venkiah, Mr. S.
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

Public Health

Right of private practice to the Medical officers.

*1774 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Government allows the right of private practice to its medical officers alone, while the men in other departments like that of engineering are denied any such privilege; and

(*b*) whether there are instances of medical men in the service of the Government being consultants of particular chemists' shops or the owners of such shops and whether these officers could run any business of a remunerative nature?

A.—(*a*) The Government consider that until the independent medical profession in the Presidency is in a position to satisfy the medical needs of the people, the latter should not be deprived of the services of Government medical officers.

(*b*) With regard to the first part of the question, the Government have no information. As regards the second part, a Government servant may not, without the previous sanction of the Local Government, engage in any trade or undertake any employment, other than his public duties.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"Sir, regarding clause (*b*), am I to understand whether Government will get information on this matter?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"May I suggest to the hon. Member, Sir, that instead of starting a fishing expedition as regards this question, if the hon. Member would give a few instances of the kind he suggests, it would be easier to get the information and take the necessary action?"

Local Boards

Proposals by taluk boards to open libraries of an itinerant nature.

*1775 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any taluk board has sent proposals to open libraries of an itinerant nature; and

(*b*) if so, what are the detailed schemes proposed by such local boards, and what action the Government propose to take thereon?